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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, PULLMAN-STANDARD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NOW WORKING ON PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL OFFERING RAILCARS TO REDE. FIRM INDICATES OFFER WILL CONTAIN GENERALIZED COST ESTIMATES AND DELIVERY DATES RATHER THAN PRECISE PRICE COMMITMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO PREPARE. IN THIS CONNECTION, PULLMAN HAS SEVERAL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM REDE THROUGH CONGEN AND ANOTHER SOURCE.

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2. PULLMAN IS WORKING FROM TWO SEPARATE ENGLISH TRANSLA-

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TION OF SPECS AND WISHES CONFIRM ITS FIGURES FOR GENERAL
RAILCAR DIMENSIONS. IT ASSUMES INTERIOR CAPACITY WILL BE
74.2 CUBIC METERS, INSIDE WIDTH 2.598 METERS, OUTSIDE
WIDTH 2.76 METERS. VERIFICATION THESE POINTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. COMPANY INDICATES SPECS CALL FOR MODEL WHICH IS NOT
STANDARD EQUIPMENT NOW IN PRODUCTION. CONSEQUENTLY, AND
ENGINEERING DRAWINGS OF RAILCAR BODIES, TRUCKS, AND BREAKS
THAT ARE AVAILABLE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY IF
AIRMAILED DIRECTLY. HOWEVER, IN THIS CONNECTION FIRM PAR-
TICULARLY INTERESTED IN LOADING AND UNLOADING FEATURES.
ARE CARS TO BE LOADED THROUGH TROUGH AND TROUGH HATCH OR
ARE THEY TO HAVE ROUND PORTAL HATCH COVERS WITHER DOWN
CENTER LINE OR STAGGERED ALONG TOP OF CAR? HOW ARE CARS TO BE
UNLOADED? PULLMAN ASSUMES THEY WILL HAVE GRAVITY OUTLET
GATES ON BOTTOMS BUT NEEDS SPECIFIC DIMENSIONS AND LOCATIONS
OF UNLOADING GATES.

4. PULLMAN ISSUING STANDARD PUBLICATION, WORLD RAILROADS,
TO DETERMINE CLEARANCE DIAGRAMS FOR ROLLING STOCK. THIS
DATA, WHICH APPLIES TO BRIDGE AND TUNNEL CLEANCE DIAGRAMS
FOR FIVE DIFFERENT 1 METER GUAGE RAILROADS IN BRAZIL. FIRM
NEEDS KNOW WHICH CLEARANCE DIAGRAMS APPLY TO THIS SET OF
SPECIFICATIONS. IF DIAGRAM IS READILY AVAILABLE, DIRECT AIR-
MAIL TO PULLMAN WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. IF CONGEN CAN OBTAIN PROMPT ANSWERS TO THESE QUERIES.
PULLMAN CAN COMPLETE PREPARATION ITS PROPOSALS AND SEND
REPRESENTATIVES TO BRAZIL FOR EARLY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH REDE AUTHORITIES. RUSH

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